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DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1999-2000

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-2000, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1999-2000 is considered by the Committee.

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ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1999-2000[a]

1999

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[b]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 2001-2003

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (article 34 of the Charter)[c]

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

Documentation

Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a high-level consideration of the topic of financing for development (General Assembly resolution 52/179 and draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.28)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.55)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/181 on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/183 on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in the multilateral trading system and the implementation of the Ministerial Communique of the 1998 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council on access to market (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.26/Rev.1)

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/184

(d) External debt crisis and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.47

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolutions 47/177 and 52/208)

(b) Business and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on entrepreneurship and privatization for economic growth and development (General Assembly resolutions 48/180 and 52/209)

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and the implementation of the Strategy, including the progress made and constraints therein (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162 and draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42)

(c) Women in development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 52/195)[c]

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)[c]

(d) Human resources development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/196)

(e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/189)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23)

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the second high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.49)

(h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.43)

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (General Assembly resolution 53/7)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the review of progress made in implementing conventions related to environment and development (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.30 entitled "International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon",[c]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its seventh session, including the recommendations of the Commission on supportive measures and activities which will contribute to the success of the International Year of Ecotourism (General Assembly resolution 47/191 and draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.38 and Council resolution 1998/40)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.53)

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations on how the United Nations will deal with the reduction of natural disasters after the conclusion of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.30)[c]

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182 and draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.54)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.52)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

No advance documentation requested (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.46)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the World Declaration and Plan of Action from the World Summit for Children (A/53/186) (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.9)

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the management process of operational activities (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on progress of the pilot phase of the United Nations Development Assistance Network (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8)[c]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/204 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/205

Item 7. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.44

Item 8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/32 and draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22[c]

Item 9. Prevention of the marginalization of the countries with weak or vulnerable economies of developing countries and of economies in transition in the globalization and liberalization of the world economy

No advance documentation requested (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14)

Item 10. Globalization and interdependence

No advance documentation requested (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20)

Item 11. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of measures, recommendations and activities related to the Decade (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.48)

2000[d]

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1 on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

(b) Commodities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.51)

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41

(b) Business and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1)

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the preparations for the International Year of Mountains (draft resolution A/53/L.24)

(a) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/181 and draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13)

(b) Cultural development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.53)

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of ensuring effective preparations for the 10-year review of Agenda 21 (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.53)

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182)

(d) Water supply and sanitation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/126)[c]

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.46)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 7. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1)

Notes

[a] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[b] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1999.

[c] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

[d] The programme of work and documentation list for 2000 will be updated in 1999, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

[e] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 2000.